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SUBJECT: MEASLES VACCINE

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1. PER AID/ W TELEPHONE QUERY, MISSION HEALTH ATTACHE CONSULTED TODAY WITH WHO DIRGEN CANDAU ON APPROPRIATE CHANNEL (I. E., BRAZZAVILLE OR GENEVA) FOR OFFERING USG VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF MEASLES VACCINE TO WHO. DG BELIEVES SUCH COMMUNICATION SHOULD FOLLOW ESTABLISHED CHANNEL, I. E., FROM ASH/ DHEW TO DG/ WHO.

2. IN CONSIDERING THIS MATTER, DG STATED THAT HE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THE MEASLES VACCINE FOR 1973 WITHOUT A MUCH CLEARER UNDERSTANDING ON HOW THE VACCINE WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN FUTURE YEARS. HE SEES THE MASS VACCINATION OF CHILDREN IN THE 20 CWA COUNTRIES AS HAVING CREATED A SPECIAL IMMUNO- EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION WHEREIN RESULTING DISEASE BEHAVIOR REQUIRES ANNUAL VACCINATION PROGRAM BECAUSE OF NATIONAL POLITICAL PRESSURES IF NOT ALWAYS FOR PURELY PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES.

3. CANDAU STATED THAT HE COULD NOT FORESEE USE OF WHO' S
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REGULAR BUDGET FOR PURCHASE OF VACCINES. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS NO PROBLEM IN OBTAINING SIZEABLE DONATIONS OF VACCINES FOR SMALLPOX, YELLOW FEVER, AND EVEN POLIO, AS NEEDED, BUT SUCH VACCINES ARE RELATIVELY MUCH CHEAPER AND THE DONATIONS TO WHO ARE PRODUCTS MADE IN GOVERNMENT LABORATORIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE MEASLES VACCINE BEING PROVIDED BY AID FOR CWA COUNTRIES IS RELATIVELY MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE. IF NOT PROVIDED BY AID ON A CONTINUING BASIS, OTHER DONOR SOURCES WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND.

4. CANDAU STATED HIS WILLINGNESS ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH AID ON THE MEASLES SITUATION IN CWA COUNTRIES AND CONTROL OF THE DISEASE IN THE FUTURE. HE PREPARED SEND ONE OR TWO OF HIS STAFF TO WASHINGTON FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS IF DESIRED.

5. AS FOR 1973, CANDAU THOUGHT AID MIGHT FIND IT BEST TO DISTRIBUTE MEASLES VACCINE TO CWA COUNTRIES VIA SAME MECHANISM USED IN PREVIOUS YEARS. RIMESTAD

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